

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3655

OFFERED BY MR. BARTON

Page 1, strike lines 3 through 6 and insert

1 SEC. 1. FINDINGS.

Page 3, strike line 5 and all that follows through
page 10, line 6, and insert the following:

2 SEC. 2. STUDY ON ACTS AND PRACTICES RELATED TO FU-
3 NERAL GOODS AND SERVICES AND REC-
4 OMMENDATIONS FOR STATE LAWS.

5 (a) FTC STUDY REQUIRED.—The Federal Trade
6 Commission shall conduct a study of—

7 (1) acts and practices in the funeral industry,
8 including the provision of funeral goods and funeral
9 services by for-profit and non-profit entities, includ-
10 ing religious organizations, and cemeteries, to as-
11 sess—

12 (A) the degree to which unfair, deceptive,
13 and abusive practices occur in the provision of
14 such goods and services;

15 (B) whether accurate information is clearly
16 provided to consumers by cemeteries and the
17 providers of such goods and services, including

1 the pricing information of any funeral good or
2 funeral service that is offered; and

3 (C) whether contracts for such goods and
4 services are clearly written to enable consumers
5 to understand what they are purchasing and
6 any other terms and conditions of such con-
7 tracts; and

8 (2) State laws (and any relevant laws of any
9 political subdivision of a State) that are in the inter-
10 est of protecting consumers and address acts and
11 practices by cemeteries and the providers of funeral
12 goods and funeral services, including—

13 (A) an assessment of the consistency and
14 strength of such laws, with a particular focus
15 on laws more recently enacted by several States;

16 (B) the relationship of State laws to the
17 Commission's Funeral Rule in part 453 of title
18 16, Code of Federal Regulations; and

19 (C) the degree to which such laws are en-
20 forced against non-profit entities.

21 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS AND AVAILABILITY OF
22 RECOMMENDATIONS ON FTC WEBSITE.—Not later than
23 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act,
24 the Commission shall transmit a report of the study con-
25 ducted pursuant to subsection (a) to the Committee on

1 Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives
2 and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-
3 tation of the Senate. Such report shall include rec-
4 ommendations for minimum requirements that States
5 should adopt to prohibit unfair and deceptive acts and
6 practices related to the provision of funeral goods and
7 services. The Commission shall also make such rec-
8 ommendations available on the Commission's website.

9 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

